35: Choris (Iles Mariannes)--3 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 304, 609 Woleai

Kadou [LEM: the Caroline native] was much pleased with the Sandwich Islands [LEM: Hawaii], whose inhabitants reciprocated in their affection for him. The lobes of his ears, prodigiously elongated, drew their attention in a singular manner.

35: Choris (Iles Mariannes) --3 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 484, 159 Woleai

Since Kadou had travelled considerably in the Carolines and the Pelew Islands, he was never surprised at the birds or animals that he saw, either here or in the Aleutians. He was enchanted at seeing so many large vessels gathered together. His resolution to accompany us on our voyage remained unbroken. The crew began to teach him to read, but he made only very slow progress. Although he learned quite readily to recognize the letters of the Russian alphabet, he seemed not to understand what these characters stood for. However, one day at dinner, hearing the word "water" mentioned in Russian, he cried out joyously, "ah! ah! v, o, d, a, voda ("water" in Russian)"; we hoped then that he had really profited from the lessons which he had received, but he refused to take more of them and appeared determined to know not what our books could be.

35: Choris (Iles Mariannes)--4 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159 Woleai

Kadou still intended to accompany us [LEM: from the Marshalls], especially as he knew that we planned to visit the Carolines, which gave him the hope of seeing his homeland again. But when he learned that his son, who was living on the isle of Aour, was often calling to him by name and regretted his absence, paternal tenderness overcame him. He immediately told us that it was his wish to remain in this archipelago.

This resolve disappointed us very much, because Kadou would have been very useful to us on our voyage to the Carolines. He was beginning to understand us quite well. He knew some words of all the languages spoken on board and he had taught us a great many of those which he spoke. We were thus hopeful of learning from him in the future a host of interesting things about the Carolines where he was born. On the other hand, it was no less important to him that he should remain in the archpelago where he now was.

35: Choris (Iles Radak)--17 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159, 177 Woleai

Kadou [LEM: A native of Woleai (Carolines) who had been shipwrecked on Aur] was not slow in getting used to us, and conducted himself like a true European. Being a natural mimic, he amused us a great deal. In a very little time he learned several Russian words, and as we had retained a large number of words from the Radak Islands, we came to understand each other.

He spoke a great deal about Oulea, his home-land, as well as adjacent islands, which we knew by the name of the Caroline Island archipelago. Kadou had travelled to all of them, even to the Pelew Islands. His accounts told us that his compatriots were hardy navigators, and often undertook long sea voyages.

35: Choris (Iles Radak)--17 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159, 502 Woleai

We were convinced that Kadou was well-versed in a knowledge of the stars, but he preferred our compasses because he saw that even in foggy and cloudy weather, one's course could be determined with this instrument, while the island inhabitants, having only the stars to guide them, are at a great disadvantage when they do not see them.

35: Choris (Iles Radak)--20 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159, 776 Woleai

For several weeks we tried in vain to ask Kadou concerning his ideas of God. He made every effort to understand us, but of no use. Finally, one day he succeeded; his face became animated, his whole body trembled. "Ah!" he cried, "you wish to know the name of that which we can neither see nor hear." At the same time he closed his eyes and covered his ears: "Its name is Taoutoup." Asked where he lived, Kadou pointed to the sky.

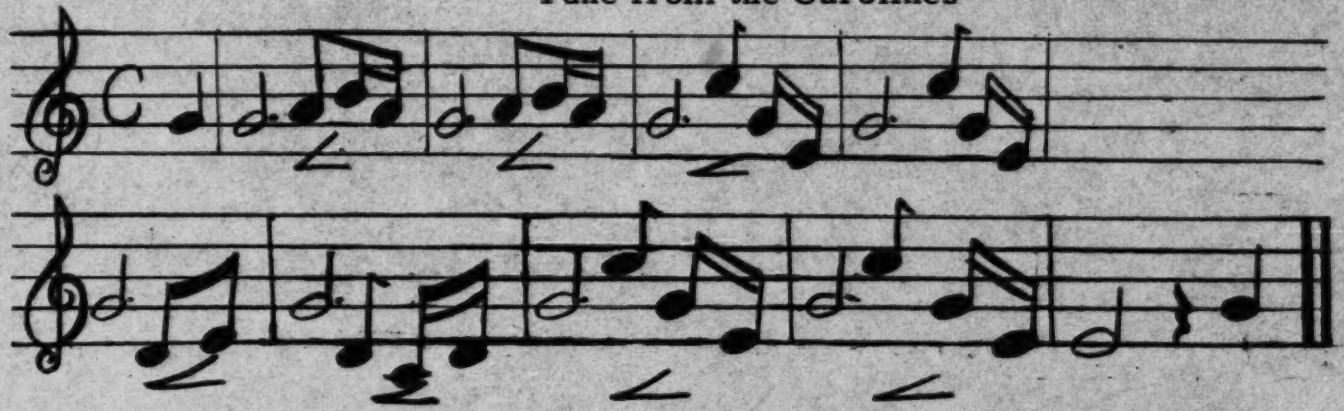
35: Choris (Iles Radak)--21 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159, 802 Woleai

When we took. . . [LEM: Kadou, the Caroliner] on board we told him that he would be at sea for two months without ever seeing land, and he did not appear frightened. But having spent several weeks without observing land, he put no more faith in our words. He believed that we, as well as he, had been driven by winds far from his country and that we searched for land in vain. However, having observed that we were at ease, and that nothing on board was amiss, his anxiety soon ended.

About his neck he vore a string on which he marked the time by knots. But his count lacked accuracy.

35: Choris (Iles Radak)--21-22 (1817) 1822 Woleaians
116, 159, 533 Woleai

During his first days on board...[LEM: Kadou's] curiosity was excessive. He wished to see all. Soon he regarded everything with indifference, becoming satiated with novelty, and finally he came to consider everything as possible. [22]

Kadou was gay, and he knew how to endear himself to the officers and the sailors. Often to us he sang all the songs that he knew. He was proud of having travelled so much. He particularly loved to sing a tune from the island of Eap, which greatly resembled another one from Radak. This tune has often rung from the summit of the snowy mountains of Ounalachka. Kadou sometimes spent hours repeating it and then the memory of his homeland and of his voyages moved him to tears.

Tune from the Carolines